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SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Draft resolution presented after informal consultations conducted by the Vice-Chairman

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The General Assembly,

Recalling all its previous resolutions on the scale of assessments, in particular resolutions 43/223 B of 21 December 1988 and 44/197 A of 21 December 1989,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Contributions, 1/

Taking note of the views expressed in the Fifth Committee during the forty-fifth session,

Bearing in mind the difficult economic situation faced by many Member States, in particular by developing countries and among them the least developed countries,

1. Reaffirms that:

(a) The capacity of Member States to pay is the fundamental criterion for determining the scale of assessments;

(b) The scale of assessments should be determined on the basis of reliable, verifiable and comparable data;

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 11 and addendum (A/45/11 and Add.1).

(c) The methodology for determining the scale of assessments should be simplified as far as possible with a view to making it more transparent and stable over time;

2. Requests the Committee on Contributions to recommend to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session a scale of assessments whose period of applicability will then be decided by the Assembly and which is prepared on the basis of the recommendations of the Committee contained in its report, taking into account the following:

(a) The debt adjustment approach used in the preparation of the scale of assessments for the period 1989-1991;

(b) A low per capita income allowance formula, taking into account the recommendations of the Committee, adjusted in accordance with the evolution of the average world per capita income until 1989;

(c) Individual rates for the least developed countries should not exceed their present level, namely 0.01 per cent;

3. Also requests the Committee on Contributions to use the criteria specified in paragraph 42 of its report for the ad hoc adjustment of the machine scale and to provide detailed information on the decisions made in this regard; it is recognized that the ad hoc adjustment process depends on the availability of points provided voluntarily by Member States;

4. Further requests the Committee on Contributions to continue its work on the improvement of the methodology for the preparation of future scales of assessments, in particular with regard to:

(a) The scheme of limits, with a view to reducing speedily any of its excessive distorting effects;

(b) The possible modification of the statistical base period;

(c) Considering excluding the allocation of any additional points, as a result of the applications of the scheme of limits, to those Member States having a very low per capita income;

(d) Examining further the application of debt-adjusted income as recommended by the Committee in its report, the debt adjustment factor and taking into account the views expressed during the forty-fifth session of the General Assembly;

(e) Examining further the application of price-adjusted rates of exchange;

(f) Examining further alternative income concepts;

(g) Examining further the possible use of factors that take account of the situation of countries with economic characteristics such as those outlined in paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 43/223 B;

(h) Also examining the relationship of each of the elements and factors as part of the overall methodology;

5. Further requests the Committee on Contributions to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session a report on the work undertaken in response to the requests contained in paragraph 4 of the present resolution;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the Committee on Contributions with the facilities it requires to carry out its work, including supplementary assistance if necessary.

B

The General Assembly

Resolves that:

1. The rates of assessment for the following States, admitted to membership in the United Nations on 23 April 1990 and 18 September 1990, respectively, shall be as follows:

Member State	Per cent
Namibia	0.01
Liechtenstein	0.01

For 1990 and 1991, these rates shall be added to the scale of assessments established under General Assembly resolution 43/223 A of 21 December 1988;

2. For the year of admission, Namibia shall contribute at the rate of one fourth of 0.01 per cent and Liechtenstein at the rate of one ninth of 0.01 per cent, such contributions to be taken into account as miscellaneous income under regulation 5.2 (c) of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations. Liechtenstein's contribution shall be adjusted by one ninth of the flat fee paid for its participation in United Nations activities as a non-Member State;

3. For the year 1991, Namibia and Liechtenstein shall each contribute at the rate of 0.01 per cent, such contribution by Liechtenstein also to be taken into account as miscellaneous income under regulation 5.2 (c) of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;

4. The contributions of Namibia and Liechtenstein for 1990 and 1991 shall be applied to the same basis of assessment as for other Member States, except that, in the case of appropriations or apportionments approved by the General Assembly for the financing of peace-keeping operations, the contributions of those States as determined by the group of contributors to which they may be asked by the Assembly, shall be calculated in proportion to the calendar year;

5. The advances of Namibia and Liechtenstein to the Working Capital Fund, under regulation 5.8 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, shall be calculated by the application of the rates of assessment of 0.01 per cent each to the authorized level of the Fund, such advances to be added to the Fund pending the incorporation of the new Members' rates of assessment in a 100.00 per cent scale;

6. Yemen, having been formed when the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen and the Yemen Arab Republic merged on 22 May 1990, shall contribute at the rate of 0.02 per cent for 1990 and 0.01 per cent for 1991 with a corresponding reduction in the State's advance to the Working Capital Fund;

7. Following the accession of the German Democratic Republic to the Federal Republic of Germany on 3 October 1990, and in compliance with the current scale methodology and based on the statistical and economic data available for the Federal Republic of Germany and the German Democratic Republic, Germany shall contribute at the rate of 9.36 per cent for 1991.

C

The General Assembly,

Recalling rule 160 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly,

Requests the Committee on Contributions to hold in 1991, on an experimental basis, one or two information meetings, in a manner to be decided by the Committee, prior to executing the ad hoc adjustment of the machine scale, so as to give Member States the opportunity to provide the Committee with additional information as deemed necessary for the purpose of making the ad hoc adjustments.

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PERSONNEL QUESTIONS

Draft resolutions and draft decision submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

I. DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

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COMPOSITION OF THE SECRETARIAT

The General Assembly,

Recalling Articles 97, 100 and 101 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming its resolutions 33/143 of 20 December 1978, 35/210 of 17 December 1980, 41/213 of 19 December 1986, 42/200 A of 21 December 1987, 43/224 A of 21 December 1988 and 44/185 of 19 December 1989,

Recognizing the importance of maintaining a qualified, independent and geographically balanced international civil service,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the composition of the Secretariat 1/ and the relevant sections of the analytical report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 41/213, 2/

1/ A/45/541.

2/ A/45/226.

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Noting with appreciation the progress made in reducing the number of Member States that are unrepresented or underrepresented in the Secretariat,

Recognizing that matters related to the representation of Member States in the Secretariat are dealt with on a country basis,

Noting the positive results of national competitive examinations for posts at the P-1 and P-2 levels and the intention of the Secretary-General to introduce national competitive examinations for posts at the P-3 level in two occupational groups,

Noting also the continued efforts made to fill posts in organizational units with high vacancy rates, particularly in the regional commissions,

Noting further that there are limited opportunities for promotion in some occupational groups in the Secretariat,

Bearing in mind the views on personnel questions expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee during the forty-fifth session,

1. Reiterates its full support for the Secretary-General as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Organization, and underlines its full respect for his prerogatives and responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to strengthen the role and emphasize the authority of the Office of Human Resources Management of the Secretariat in accordance with recommendation 41 of the Group of High-Level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations; 3/

3. Reaffirms, in accordance with the Charter, that the paramount consideration in the appointment, promotion, granting or reviewing of permanent contracts and career development of the staff and in the determination of the conditions of service shall be the necessity of securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity, and also reaffirms that this consideration is fully compatible with the principle of equitable geographical distribution;

4. Urges the Secretary-General, whenever making appointments at all levels to posts subject to geographical distribution, to make every effort to recruit nationals of unrepresented and underrepresented Member States, bearing in mind also the need to increase the number of staff recruited from Member States below the mid-point of their desirable ranges;

3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/41/49).

5. Notes that the existing practice of holding national competitive examinations is a useful tool for recruitment, inter alia, from unrepresented and underrepresented Member States, and requests the Secretary-General to expedite the recruitment of candidates successful in national competitive examinations with a view to filling all posts committed to each examination with the shortest possible delay;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to take every available measure to ensure, at the senior and policy-formulating levels of the Secretariat, the equitable representation of Member States, in particular of developing countries and Member States with inadequate representation at those levels, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, and to include relevant information in future reports on the composition of the Secretariat;

7. Also requests the Secretary-General, in order to preserve the principles of equitable geographical distribution and rotation in the upper echelons of the Secretariat, to ensure that equal opportunity is given to candidates of all Member States when making appointments to all posts in the upper echelons, and not to extend, as a rule, the service of Under-Secretaries-General and Assistant Secretaries-General for a period exceeding ten years, in accordance with recommendation 54 of the Group of High-Level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations;

8. Reaffirms that no post should be considered the exclusive preserve of any Member State or group of States, and accordingly requests the Secretary-General, when making appointments to high-level and policy-formulating posts, to give equal opportunity to all Member States through the announcement of such posts to the extent possible, with due regard to the principles of the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity and of equitable geographical distribution, bearing in mind that appointments are to be made at the discretion of the Secretary-General against specific selection criteria in accordance with Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts aimed at improving the composition of the Secretariat by ensuring a broad and equitable geographical distribution of staff in the Professional and higher categories in all main departments and offices, bearing in mind that the paramount consideration shall be the necessity of securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

10. Also requests the Secretary-General to consider measures in order to ensure, to the extent possible, the representation of the main legal systems in the Secretariat, where appropriate;

11. Further requests the Secretary-General, in order to ensure that equal opportunity is given to internal and external candidates, to take appropriate measures for the timely distribution of vacancy announcements to all Member States;

12. Requests the Secretary-General, with respect to the recruitment, transfer and promotion of staff for placement in the regional commissions, to make every effort to encourage equitable representation of all Member States in the regional commissions, in order to reduce the high vacancy rates;

13. Also requests the Secretary-General to include in the report on the composition of the Secretariat to be presented to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session statistical tables indicating the nationality of staff serving in posts financed from extrabudgetary resources in the United Nations Secretariat;*

14. Further requests the Secretary-General to include in future reports on the composition of the Secretariat statistical tables broken down by the current groupings of Member States as well as tables in alphabetical order and to continue to produce tables showing the representation of developing and other countries in posts subject to geographical distribution;

15. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session a report on the implementation of a competitive examination for posts at the P-3 level in two occupational groups;

16. Also requests the Secretary-General to pursue efforts towards the establishment of a comprehensive career development system for all categories of staff, bearing in mind the need to secure the highest standards of competence, efficiency and integrity and to promote mobility, and to report on this system to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

17. Further requests the Secretary-General to continue efforts to develop further and refine classification and evaluation systems and promotion procedures as an integral part of the vacancy management system, taking into account, inter alia, concepts of career ladders and linked grades, in consultation with the International Civil Service Commission, as appropriate, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

18. Reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session a report on the issues mentioned in paragraph 8 of its resolution 44/185 A;

19. Urges the Secretary-General to strengthen the training and retraining capabilities of the Secretariat at all duty stations, and requests him to submit a report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session on efforts to implement training programmes in the areas of language training, electronic data processing training, basic supervisory training and the upgrading of the professional knowledge of staff in substantive areas in conformity with recommendation 58 of the Group of High-Level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations;

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* This is understood not to include United Nations organs that have delegated authority in matters of appointment of the staff.

20. Requests the Secretary-General to continue the review of staff-management activities and of the cost of staff representation in order to establish a more coherent, transparent and cost-effective framework for staff-management activities and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session;

21. Also requests the Secretary-General to present, in the context of all future programme budgets, specific information concerning expenditures relating to staff union activities, including staffing costs;

22. Further requests the Secretary-General, within the framework of staff-management consultations, to stress the need to solve outstanding issues through regular channels so as to ensure the functioning of the Organization;

II. Secondment from government service

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on secondment from government service, 4/

Recalling Articles 100 and 101 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing that there are differences inherent in the secondment of staff from government service to the United Nations and secondment between agencies of the United Nations common system,

Noting the uncertain status of many staff members made available to the United Nations by their respective Governments under current secondment procedures vis-à-vis their re-employment rights as government civil servants,

Taking into account the views expressed by Member States during the debate concerning secondment from government service at its forty-fifth session,

1. Affirms that secondment is not in conflict with Articles 100 and 101 of the Charter of the United Nations;

2. Reaffirms that secondment of staff from government service to the Secretariat can be beneficial to both the United Nations and Member States;

3. Endorses the basic approach of the Secretary-General regarding secondment as set out in his report, and requests him to review the procedures for future secondment from government service, taking into account the legitimate interests of the Organization and of the government service and the individual concerned, and to submit appropriate amendments to the Staff Regulations to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session;

4/ A/C.5/45/12.

4. Meanwhile requests the Secretary-General to deal with individual contracts on the basis of the approach described in paragraph 15 of his report, without prejudice to the rights of individuals as staff members of the Organization;

5. Invites Member States to continue to honour their obligations vis-à-vis their nationals made available to the United Nations under the current secondment procedures until their status is ascertained;

III. Desirable ranges

1. Requests the Secretary-General to exercise flexibility in the application of the desirable ranges in individual recruitment cases keeping in view all parts of the present resolution;

2. Also requests the Secretary-General to present a report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session in the light of paragraph 2 of section III of General Assembly resolution 42/220 on alternative options for desirable ranges, which was to have been considered at the forty-fifth session, and therefore resolves to decide this matter on a priority basis at the forty-sixth session of the Assembly;

3. Further requests the Secretary-General to include in the report referred to in paragraph 2 above other possible methodological ways for the distribution of posts subject to geographical distribution among Member States.

B

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the importance of a just and efficient internal justice system in the Secretariat,

Recalling its resolutions 42/220 B of 21 December 1987, 43/224 B of 21 December 1988 and 44/185 B of 19 December 1989,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the administration of justice in the Secretariat 5/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 6/

5/ A/C.5/45/11.

6/ A/45/806.

1. Recognizes the considerable progress achieved in the area of administration of justice, in particular the efficient functioning of the Headquarters Joint Appeals Board and the promulgation of a fully revised set of disciplinary rules;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to continue with reforms in the administration of justice in accordance with resolution 44/185 B and to establish by 1991 an effective system for informal settlements of staff grievances as well as a well-functioning disciplinary system;

3. Also requests the Secretary-General to undertake a study of the overall system of administration of justice taking into account the concrete suggestions for improvement of the system, inter alia, the establishment of an office of ombudsman and the functioning of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal, the Committee on Applications for Review of Administrative Tribunal Judgements and the Panel on Discrimination and Other Grievances made by Member States during the forty-fifth session of the General Assembly and to report thereon to the Assembly at its forty-seventh session.

C

IMPROVEMENT OF THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE SECRETARIAT

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming that the United Nations shall place no restrictions on the eligibility of men and women to participate in any capacity and under conditions of equality in its principal and subsidiary organs,

Recalling Articles 97, 100 and 101 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its resolution 2715 (XXV) of 15 December 1970, in which it first addressed the question of the employment of women in the Professional category, and all relevant resolutions that have continued to focus on this area since then, particularly resolution 40/258 which welcomed the action programme to improve the status of women in the Secretariat for 1985-1990,

Noting with satisfaction that the question of the improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat of the United Nations continues to be a standing item on the agenda of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,

Taking account of the relevant section of the report of the International Civil Service Commission, 7/

7/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 30 (A/45/30).

Taking note of the Secretary-General's report on the improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat 8/ and section II G of the report of the Secretary-General on the composition of the Secretariat, 9/

Noting with concern that, although there has been a slight increase in the percentage of women in the Secretariat, women fill only 7.1 per cent of posts at the D-1 level and above,

Reaffirming that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibility for administrative, budgetary and personnel matters, including, inter alia, the issue of representation of women in the Secretariat,

1. Reiterates its full support for the Secretary-General as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Organization and his prerogatives and responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations;

2. Urges the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to increase the number of women in posts subject to geographical distribution, particularly in senior policy-level and decision-making posts, in order to achieve an overall participation rate of 30 per cent by the end of 1990 and, to the extent possible to 35 per cent by 1995, taking into account the principle that the paramount consideration shall be the necessity of securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity with full respect for the principle of equitable geographical distribution;

3. Also urges the Secretary-General, all things being equal and to the extent possible, to accord priority to the participation of women at the D-1 level and above of the Organization with a view to increasing the participation rate of women in posts at the D-1 level and above to 25 per cent of the total within the overall participation rate of women in 35 per cent of posts subject to geographical distribution by 1995;

4. Reiterates its request that the Secretary-General make every effort to increase the representation of women from developing countries, in particular at the D-1 level and above;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to increase the representation of women from those countries with a low representation of women;

6. Also requests the Secretary-General, in accordance with resolution 44/185 of 19 December 1989, to develop an action programme for the advancement of women in the Secretariat for the period 1991-1995, incorporating as necessary the unfulfilled points of the 1985-1990 action programme and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session;

8/ A/45/548.

9/ A/45/541.

7. Further requests the Secretary-General to include in the action programme for the advancement of women in the Secretariat for the period 1991-1995 (a) a comprehensive evaluation and analysis by the Secretariat of the main obstacles to the improvement of the status of women in the Organization; (b) proposed measures to overcome the underrepresentation of women from certain Member States; and (c) a detailed programme of activities, including monitoring procedures and a timetable for their completion;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to maintain the existing Secretariat machinery and to consider the adequacy of the existing machinery to implement the action programme, taking account of the work-loads in the relevant offices, and to report thereon when presenting the action programme for the period 1991-1995;

9. Requests Member States to continue to support the efforts of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and related organizations to increase the participation of women in the Professional category and above by, inter alia, nominating more women candidates, especially for senior policy-level and decision-making posts, by encouraging women to apply for vacant posts and by creating national rosters of women candidates to be shared with the United Nations Secretariat, specialized agencies and related organizations.

II. DRAFT DECISION

Amendments to the Staff Rules

The General Assembly, noting the need periodically to review the Staff Rules and to report annually to the General Assembly the full text of provisional Staff Rules and amendments, decides to take note of the report of the Secretary-General on amendments to the Staff Rules. 10/

10/ A/C.5/45/18.

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PERSONNEL QUESTIONS: RESPECT FOR THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF OFFICIALS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, under Article 100 of the Charter of the United Nations, each Member of the United Nations undertakes to respect the exclusively international character of the responsibilities of the Secretary-General and the staff and not to seek to influence them in the discharge of their responsibilities,

Also recalling that, under Article 105 of the Charter, all officials of the Organization shall enjoy in the territory of each of its Member States such privileges and immunities as are necessary for the independent exercise of their functions in connection with the Organization,

Further recalling the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, 1/ the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies, 2/ the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Atomic Energy Agency and the United Nations Development Programme Standard Basic Assistance Agreements,

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1/ Resolution 22 A (I).

2/ Resolution 179 (II).

Stressing that respect for the privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies is becoming even more imperative owing to the growing number of assignments entrusted to the organizations of the United Nations system by the member States,

Recalling its resolution 76 (I) of 7 December 1946, in which it approved the granting of the privileges and immunities referred to in articles V and VII of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations to all members of the staff of the United Nations, with the exception of those who are recruited locally and are assigned to hourly rates,

Also recalling its resolution 43/173 of 9 December 1988, to which is annexed the Body of Principles for the Protection of All Persons under Any Form of Detention or Imprisonment, including the principle that all persons under arrest or detention shall be provided whenever necessary with medical care and treatment,

Reiterating the obligation of all officials of the Organization in the conduct of their duties to observe fully both the laws and regulations of Member States and their duties and responsibilities to the Organization,

Affirming that persistent obstruction of the exercise of the duties of United Nations officials constitutes an obstacle to the implementation of the mission entrusted by the Member States to the organizations of the United Nations system and may affect programme delivery,

Mindful of the responsibilities of the Secretary-General to safeguard the functional immunity of all United Nations officials,

Mindful also of the importance in this respect of the provision by Member States of adequate and immediate information concerning the arrest and detention of staff members and, more particularly, their granting of access to them,

Bearing in mind the considerations of the Secretary-General to guarantee appropriate standards of justice and due process to United Nations officials,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions on this subject,

1. Takes note with grave concern of the report of the Secretary-General, 3/ submitted on behalf of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, and of the developments indicated therein, in particular the significant number of new cases of arrest and detention;

2. Deplores the increase in the number of cases where the functioning, safety and well-being of officials have been placed in jeopardy;

3. Also deplores the disregard for Article 105 of the Charter of the United Nations displayed by some member States;

3/ A/C.5/45/10.

4. Calls upon all Member States scrupulously to respect the privileges and immunities enjoyed by officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations and to refrain from any acts that would impede such officials in the performance of their functions, thereby seriously affecting the proper functioning of the organizations;

5. Urges Member States and others responsible for the illegal detention of United Nations staff members to release them immediately;

6. Calls upon the Secretary-General to use all such means as are available to him to bring about an expeditious solution of the cases still pending, which were referred to in the report;

7. Urges the Secretary-General to give priority to the prompt follow-up of cases of arrest, detention and other possible matters relating to the security and proper functioning of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations;

8. Calls upon those Member States holding under arrest or detention officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations to enable the Secretary-General or the executive head of the organization concerned to exercise fully the right of functional protection inherent in the relevant multilateral conventions and bilateral agreements, particularly with respect to immediate access to detained staff members;

9. Also calls upon all Member States to take the necessary measures in order to promote knowledge of and compliance with the Body of Principles for the Protection of All Persons under Any Form of Detention or Imprisonment, including the principle that all persons under arrest or detention shall be provided whenever necessary with medical care and treatment;

10. Affirms that, in providing medical assistance, the use of independent medical teams should be considered;

11. Calls upon the staff of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations to comply fully with the provisions of Article 100 of the Charter and with the obligations resulting from the Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, in particular regulation 1.8, and from the equivalent provisions governing the staff of the other agencies;

12. Takes note with concern of the restrictions on duty travel of officials as indicated in the report of the Secretary-General;

13. Also takes note with concern of the information contained in the report of the Secretary-General related to taxation on salaries and emoluments, and requests the Member States concerned and the Secretary-General to agree urgently on the appropriate action to be taken;

14. Calls upon all Member States otherwise impeding officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations in the proper discharge of their duties to review the cases and to co-ordinate their efforts with the Secretary-General or the executive head of the organization concerned to resolve each case with all due speed;

15. Calls upon the Secretary-General, as chief administrative officer of the United Nations, to continue personally to act as the focal point in promoting and ensuring the observance of the privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations by using all such means as are available to him;

16. Urges all Member States that have not yet become parties to the existing international legal instruments covering the question of privileges and immunities of officials, in particular to the 1946 Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations and the 1947 Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies, to do so promptly;

17. Welcomes the advisory opinion of 15 December 1989 of the International Court of Justice on the applicability of article VI, section 22, of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations that this section is applicable to persons other than United Nations officials to whom a mission has been entrusted by the Organization and who are therefore entitled to enjoy the privileges and immunities provided for in that section with a view to the independent exercise of their function;

18. Requests the Secretary-General, as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to review and appraise the measures already taken to enhance the proper functioning, safety and protection of international civil servants;

19. Also requests the Secretary-General, in compiling the information for incorporation into the reports on privileges and immunities of officials submitted on behalf of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to include, to the extent possible, the views of the Member States.

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ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY ASPECTS OF THE FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 44/192 of 21 December 1989 on the administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations,

Recalling also its resolution 44/49 of 8 December 1989 on the comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects,

Recalling further its resolution 45/75 of 11 December 1990, particularly paragraph 13 thereof, on the composition of peace-keeping operations,

Having considered with appreciation the reports of the Secretary-General on the review of the rates of reimbursement to the Governments of troop-contributing States, 1/ the support account for peace-keeping operations, 2/ the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of a reserve stock of equipment and supply items for United Nations peace-keeping activities, 3/ the use of civilian personnel in peace-keeping

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1/ A/45/582.

2/ A/45/493.

3/ A/45/493/Add.1.

operations 4/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 5/

Bearing in mind the views expressed by Member States on those reports at its forty-fifth session,

Noting the significant increase in United Nations peace-keeping activities and the resulting increased demands on the human, material and financial resources of the Organization and Member States,

Reiterating its great concern at the extremely difficult financial situation of some of the existing peace-keeping operations and at the heavy burden on troop-contributing States,

Re-emphasizing the need to ensure a sound financial and administrative basis for peace-keeping operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide peace-keeping operations with the necessary financial resources, especially those essential for the start-up of such operations, to enable them to fulfil their mandates in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Continues to urge all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to peace-keeping operations in full and on time, in accordance with their obligations under the Charter of the United Nations;

2. Affirms the importance of administering peace-keeping operations with the maximum of efficiency and economy;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to improve co-ordination within the peace-keeping-related units in the Secretariat in order to enhance the efficiency of peace-keeping operations and to ensure better communication with States in order to assist the latter in responding promptly to the financial and administrative requirements of the operations, particularly those of the start-up phase;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to make every possible effort to broaden the participation of countries in United Nations peace-keeping operations;

5. Takes note of the observations made by the Secretary-General on the rates of reimbursement to the Governments of troop-contributing States, 6/ and the

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4/ A/45/502.

5/ A/45/801.

6/ A/45/582, paras. 3 and 6.

relevant comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 7/

6. Decides that, as an interim measure, the standard rates of reimbursement to the Governments of troop-contributing States shall be increased by 4 per cent beginning 1 July 1991;

7. Invites States contributing personnel (civilian and military), equipment and services that can afford to do so to consider the possibility of providing them, in whole or in part, on a voluntary basis;

8. Invites States to make voluntary contributions to the United Nations peace-keeping operations both in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 44/192 A;

9. Takes note of the observations and proposals of the Secretary-General on the technical guidelines relating to the use and operation of the support account for peace-keeping operations, 8/ and approves its establishment effective 1 January 1990, subject to the observations of the Advisory Committee; 9/

10. Also takes note of the proposals of the Secretary-General to establish a reserve stock of commonly used equipment and supply items for United Nations peace-keeping operations, 10/ and concurs with the views of the Advisory Committee in this regard; 11/

11. Endorses the proposals made by the Secretary-General on the use of civilian personnel in peace-keeping operations, taking into account the comments of the Advisory Committee, subject to the policy and criteria of payment to such personnel and the reimbursement to the contributing States being kept under review as recommended by the Advisory Committee; 12/

12. Reiterates its concurrence with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee 13/ that standard administrative procedures to govern the provision of

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7/ A/45/801, paras. 8 and 9.

8/ A/45/493, paras. 13, 16 and 17.

9/ A/45/801, paras. 14 and 15.

10/ A/45/493/Add.1, paras. 5 and 7.

11/ A/45/801, para. 30.

12/ Ibid., para. 35.

13/ Ibid., paras. 15 and 30.

civilian personnel in peace-keeping operations should be established, consistent with existing rules and practices and taking into consideration the practical and legal concerns and the experience gained in the newly established peace-keeping operations;

13. Requests the Secretary-General and the Advisory Committee to report to the General Assembly, as appropriate, on the presentation of data by troop-contributing States on the rates of reimbursement, the support account for peace-keeping operations, the reserve stock of commonly used equipment and supply items and the use of civilians in peace-keeping operations;

14. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session the item entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations".

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REVIEW OF THE EFFICIENCY OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL FUNCTIONING OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 1992-1993

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution of 41/213 of 19 December 1986 by which, inter alia, it requested the Secretary-General to submit in off-budget years an outline of the programme budget for the following biennium,

Recalling also its resolution 43/214 of 21 December 1988 on the proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 1990-1991 and use and operation of the contingency fund,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General, 1/ the relevant parts of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination 2/ and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 3/

1. Reaffirms that the outline, being a part of the new budget process, is in a developmental period, that its methodology requires greater improvements, tranparency and accuracy and that the whole exercise should be applied with flexibility, in accordance with resolution 41/213 and resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1987;

1/ A/45/369.

2/ A/45/16 (Part II).

3/ A/45/878.

2. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and notes the intention of the Advisory Committee to study further the methodology of the outline;

3. Invites the Secretary-General to prepare his proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 on the basis of the total preliminary estimate provided by the Advisory Committee of 2,006,200,000 United States dollars at the initial 1990-1991 rates indicated in the report of the Secretary-General, to be adjusted at 1992-1993 rates;

4. Decides that the contingency fund of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 shall provisionally be established at a level of 0.75 per cent of the preliminary estimate at 1992-1993 rates (or 2,462,400,000 United States dollars at the 1992-1993 rates indicated by the Advisory Committee), i.e. 19,000,000 United States dollars, and recalls that the level and mode of operation of the contingency fund shall be reviewed by the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session in accordance with paragraph 4 of its resolution 44/200 of 21 December 1989;

5. Notes the proposals of the Secretary-General and the views expressed by Member States on priorities, and endorses the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination thereon, and requests the Secretary-General to pay particular attention to them in preparing his proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993;

6. Recognizes that the outline should provide a greater level of predictability of resources required for the following biennium, while ensuring that such resources are adequate for the fulfilment of the objectives, programmes and activities of the Organization, as mandated by the relevant legislative bodies of the United Nations, thereby facilitating the widest possible agreement on the programme budget;

7. Notes the rate of real growth, compared with the previous budget indicated by the Secretary-General in his report, and stresses that the methodology for the preparation of the outline and the programme budget should be revised, taking into account the views of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as well as the need for increased transparency in the methodology used to reflect inflation and currency fluctuations;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to present his proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 in accordance with the present resolution and all resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly pertinent to the new budgetary process.